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SUBJ CSCE THIRD PHASE

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1. WHILE FIRM DECISIONS ABOUT CSCE THIRD PHASE ARE STILL SOME DISTANCE AWAY, FINNISH AUTHORITIES, AS HOST FOR THIRD PHASE, MUST NECESSARILY MAKE ADVANCE PLANNING FOR THE CONSIDERABLE ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS THAT WILL BE INVOLVED. IN INFORMAL CONVERSATION JANUARY 22, AMBASSADOR ILONIEMI (WHO WAS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DURING HELSINKI MPT) TOLD USDEL OFFICER THAT FINNS ARE PROCEEDING WITH CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR THIRD PHASE DURING PERIOD JUNE 15-JULY 15. FOR TECHNICAL REASONS (AVAILABILITY OF PERSONNEL, HOTEL BOOKINGS, ETC.), ILONIEMI THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR FINNS TO ACCOMMODATE THIRD PHASE OUTSIDE OF THIS PERIOD WITHOUT CONSIDERABLE ADVANCE PLANNING.

2. FINNISH CONTINGENCY PLANNING BASED ON THIRD PHASE LASTING ONE WEEK. HOWEVER IF THIRD PHASE SHOULD BE AT LEVEL OF HEADS OF STATE/GOVERNMENT, FINNS FORESEE THIRD
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PHASE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS. FIRST FEW DAYS, AS THEY

SEE IT, WOULD BE ORGANIZATIONAL WITH GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED
AT A LOWER LEVEL. THIS TIME WOULD ALSO BE USED TO
RESOLVE ANY LAST MINUTE POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES, AND
TO DRAFT COMMUNIQUE. FINNS ASSUME HEADS OF STATE/
GOVERNMENT WOULD BE UNWILLING TO SPEND FULL WEEK IN
HELSINKI AND THEREFORE EXPECT THEY WOULD ONLY APPEAR FOR
ABOUT TWO DAYS FOR CEREMONIES AND POSSIBLE SIGNING OF
CSCE DOCUMENT. IN ILONIEMI'S VIEW, LEVEL OF THIRD PHASE
MAY WELL BE SOMEWHAT FLEXIBLE LEAVING POSSIBILITY FOR
COUNTRIES TO BE REPRESENTED AT A LEVEL BELOW HEAD OF STATE/
GOVERNMENT IF THEY PREFER. BASSIN

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